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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Katsutomo Terashima *et al.*

U. S. Serial No.: 09/434,024

Examiner: C. Jackson

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Group/Art Unit: 2881

For: EXCIMER LASER DEVICE AND
GAS FOR EXCIMER DEVICE

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VOLUNTARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 20, 2002

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application to be rewritten as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 9, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 22 by rewriting these claims
as follows:

c/ -- 9. (Amended) An excimer laser device having a mechanism for sealing
a gas mixture composed of a rare gas selected from the group consisting of Kr
and Ar, a buffer gas of Ne, and a halogen gas in a mixed gas chamber and
carrying out pulse oscillation in the chamber to excite the gas mixture and
output a pulsed laser, wherein a predetermined amount of xenon gas having a